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Title: Need to effect roll back of toll hike charged from users of National Highway No. 46 in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN (VELLORE): A tenfold Toll Fee hike implemented by the concessionaire, L&T Krishangiri Walajahpet Toliway Ltd., against users of National Highway No 46 at Pallikonda and Vaniyambadi, in Vellore District, is highest in the country. The hardest hit by the hike are government and private bus-operators. The Monthly Pass, issued for Rs. 8320/= at Pallikondo Toll Plaza regardless of number of trips made, now has increased tenfold to Rs. 82,667/= per passenger bus with restriction of only 50 crossings. For each extra trip, one has to pay Rs. 2501. Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation incurs a loss of Rs. 1,72,555/= per month per bus It would have no option but to stop all passenger-bus service. The NHAI, under Transport Ministry, cannot consign road-users to the tender mercies of the concessionaire. May I, therefore, request the Union Government to step in and effect roll-back of anti-people toll-hike.